

SOUTH RICHMOND RED MEN PREPARE TO ENTERTAIN VISITORS

Indianola Tribe, of South Richmond, is
Largest Organization of Order
in Old Dominion.

TRAIN CRASHES INTO WAGON

Occupants Are Thrown Out, but Escape
With Minor Injuries—Police Inspection
This Afternoon.

Indianola Tribe, No. 52, Improved Order of Red Men, has made elaborate preparations to entertain the delegates to the sixty-eighth annual session of the Great Council of Virginia, which opens here to-day. The visitors will be shown through the Southside in automobiles, and will be privately entertained in the members' homes. At the regular meeting of the lodge on Monday night plans were completed for the convention.

The Southside tribe, the largest in the State, will have a prominent part in the council session. A large sum of money to assist in defraying the expense of the convention was raised recently by the giving of moving picture benefits.

Train Smashes Wagon.

The wagon was demolished and two negroes barely escaped being killed on Monday night, when Atlantic Coast line train, No. 43 ran into a vehicle at Twentieth and Bainbridge Streets. Robert G. Golden and Robert Bacon, the occupants, were hurled to one side, escaping with minor injuries. The mule was badly hurt, and will probably be killed.

School Entertainment.

An excellent program has been arranged for the entertainment which will be given on Friday night in the Powhatan School by the pupils. Playlets, musical selections and recitations will be rendered during the evening. The proceeds will be used to buy athletic equipment, a drum to march by and to pay for pamphlets recently published for the educational association.

Ready for Police Inspection.

Everything is in readiness at the Third Police Station for the annual inspection which will be held this afternoon at 4 o'clock. Under the direction of Captain A. S. Wright many improvements have been made at the station recently, and the Southside is expected to make a fine showing.

General News Notes.

Arrangements are being made by the Southside Sunday school to observe Children's Day during this afternoon at 4 o'clock. The exercises will be held at Decatur Street Methodist Church on the first Sunday in June.

Much interest is being evinced in the revival services being held in the Fifth Street Presbyterian Sunday school building, and large crowds are attending. Rev. Wesley Baker preaches every night at 8 o'clock.

The suit of Mrs. Minnie L. Taylor against the Virginia Railway and Power Company will be heard to-morrow in Hustings Court, Part II. Damages in the sum of \$5,000 are asked for personal injuries.

MAY TERM OF COURT BEGINS AT LANCASTER

Judge D. Gardiner Tyler Presiding by
Designation of Governor Stuart.

Docket Is Congested.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Lancaster, Va., May 19.—The May term of the Circuit Court of Lancaster County, which was to have begun yesterday, did not begin as expected, owing to the fact that Judge D. Gardiner Tyler, of the Fourteenth Circuit, who had been designated by Governor Stuart to hold the court, was unable to reach here till this morning from Norfolk. The vacancy in the judgeship of this circuit, caused by the recent death of Judge T. R. B. Wright, has just been filled by the appointment of Judge Thomas E. Blake, of Essex, but as his commission was issued on Saturday, he was not able to qualify before the beginning of this term of Lancaster court. The court, therefore, designated Judge Tyler. The docket, both civil and criminal, is in a very congested condition, and if many of the cases awaiting trial are to be taken up at this term, the court will probably be in session for about one week. Among the cases awaiting trial are two for murder, one for criminal attack, and one for malice as cutting, but all the accused being colored and one of them having been confined in jail since August 12, last.

The Northern Neck Medical Association held its spring session at Heathsville last week, with a fair attendance of members from all the counties in the bounds of the organization. Several interesting papers were read, and important discussions followed. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: president, Dr. Robert H. Bookner, of Village; vice-president, Dr. Stonewall Rice, of Heathsville; secretary and treasurer, Dr. Robert Lyle, of Warsaw. The autumn meeting will be held next November at Colonial Beach, in the upper part of Westmoreland.

There are five cases of smallpox among the colored people in the neighborhood of Whomoe Church, in the southeastern part of Northumberland County, and the supervisors of that county have passed an order requiring all persons living in that vicinity to be vaccinated. During the last two or three days Dr. Oldham, of Lancaster, who has been selected by the supervisors to do the work, has vaccinated nearly 200 people in that locality. The disease appears to be of rather a mild type, and all the patients are reported to be doing well.

The fishing season thus far has not been remunerative, shad and herring being still very scarce in the Chesapeake and its tributaries. The scarcity of fish is attributed by many to the fact that the water is still too cold for them. It being stated that shad and herring rarely come into these waters till the temperature is above 45 degrees. The present temperature is said to be about 44. The Rappahannock River, however, is swarming with large hardhead mullets, which are being caught in great quantities by the hand-line fishermen. The men-haden season will begin on the 25th, and active preparations are going on at all the fish factories in this region. Many boats from this section that have been cruising in the waters along the Carolina coast, where great shoals of menhaden were reported to have been seen, have returned without catching any fish, which seem to have disappeared as rapidly as they are reported to have appeared in those waters. The menhaden fishing season last year was almost a total failure, and only a very few of the concerns engaged in the business in this section made expenses.

The congregation that worships at St. Paul's Chapel, near Nottoli Grove, in Westmoreland County, held a meeting last week, and determined to erect a new and commodious house of worship. A subscription was started, which resulted in raising just \$1,200 on the spot. Work on the new church will begin early in the autumn. St. Paul's Chapel is in Cople parish, and is situated, the Colonial Church is situated, the Colonies, the Washingtons and many other noted families of Westmoreland worshipped before the Revolution.

MISSIONARY HOLDS POST ALONE



Richmond Mission Board receives belated letter telling of safety of Miss Hayes and her charges.

BELATED LETTER COMES FROM LONE MISSIONARY

Miss Hayes Reports to Richmond
Board That All Is Quiet
in Saltillo.

GRAVE FEARS FOR HER SAFETY

Baptist Representative in Mexico
Writes Interesting Account of Her
Work for Orphan Girls.

Miss Ida Hayes, the missionary sent out by the Baptist foreign mission board, located in Richmond, who has so heroically refused to desert the two homeless little Mexican girls left in her care and seek safety under the United States flag, was safe at her post in the Madero Institute at Saltillo on April 13. A letter from her mailed on that date reached the offices of the foreign mission board yesterday after being more than a month en route.

As stated in her letter, the fighting at that time was in the vicinity of Torreón and had not reached Saltillo. However, the battle line has been advanced to the latter city now, and the fighting is being waged in the very street before the building in which the lone American keeps watch. What has befallen her since she mailed the last letter or what will be her fate should the rioting and lawlessness break forth can be only a matter of conjecture.

Others at the foreign mission board headquarters yesterday said that they felt no great fear for Miss Hayes's safety, as Mexican officers had thus far shown the greatest consideration for all of the missionaries, and they believed that they would continue to do so.

In her letter received yesterday, Miss Hayes said that she and her wards were safe and were continuing their work despite the unsettled state of affairs in the war-torn country. She said that while two of the girls had not seen relatives in three years and others had been separated from their families for more than twelve months, all showed the greatest optimism and hope.

Miss Hayes's letter in part follows: "I am inclosing the picture I mentioned in my last letter and wish I could give a brief sketch of each girl; but I can do so briefly and cheerfully. I could not have been left with five more earnest or serious girls. They do their own cooking, washing and ironing with their regular school work. I think it best for them to feel a personal responsibility in the matter of their education, and not to feel that things come too freely. The work does not hurt them; you can see how strong and well they all look, and they are learning some useful lessons I am sure."

"They have been here now almost three years; two of them have not been home during that time, and for a year none has had any regular communication with her home, so they have really been the orphans of the mission. The fighting about Torreón continues. Wounded are being brought into Saltillo in large numbers. I think the missionaries are not there, for there will be little left of the once fair city. All troops from here have been over there for ten days."

Officials at the headquarters of the mission board yesterday were unable to account for the long time which it required for them to get the letter. One week is generally sufficient time for a letter to reach Richmond from Saltillo, it is said. Whether the delay was occasioned by the censorship maintained by the Mexican government or whether it was caused by the discontinuance of regular railway traffic is unknown. Other letters from Miss Hayes have told of her letters being opened before they were received by her, the government inspectors reading every line of a letter before it is delivered. The letter which reached here yesterday had not been opened and because of the fact that it is postmarked Mexico City, May 6, it is thought that the severing of communications by rail may have caused the delay.

No further word has been received from Secretary of State Bryan, who was asked to attempt to communicate with Miss Hayes several weeks ago, when the mission board found it impossible to do so. He stated then that he could not get in touch with her, the letter which reached Richmond yesterday was mailed before he was called on for aid.

The stand taken by Miss Hayes and her heroic work in remaining with the girls, who are attending her school, has attracted considerable interest, not only in the world of missionaries, but among the general public. Since the publication of the story, telling of her plight, in The Times-Dispatch, many inquiries as to more recent news of her have been made of the board.

BILL TO REIMBURSE V. M. I. IS FAVORABLY REPORTED

Senate Committee on Claims Recommends Payment of Sum of \$100,000.

BUILDINGS BURNED DURING WAR

Senator Martin Agrees to Arrange-ment, Because There Is Sentiment Against Larger Amount.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Washington, May 19.—The Senate Committee on Claims to-day reported back, with the recommendation that it pass the bill to pay Virginia Military Institute \$100,000 to reimburse the buildings burned by Federal troops during the Civil War. A hearing was recently given by the committee, at which a number of prominent Virginians testified. Later the committee decided favorably to report a bill to pay \$100,000 instead of \$137,000, as provided for in the bill.

Senator Martin, of Virginia, a member of the committee, declared to agree to this arrangement, as it was very plain there is a sentiment in the Senate opposed to the higher settlement, while a sufficient vote to insure its passage can be secured to pay \$100,000. The report of the committee reads in part as follows: "The cost of replacing the buildings burned was \$137,000. The new buildings were constructed upon the foundations of the old, and were of like character, value and material, but inasmuch as they replaced old buildings, the allowance is for \$100,000 less than the cost of the buildings replaced."

"The Virginia Military Institute is modeled after West Point. During its existence it has drawn its student body from the entire country. At the present time forty of the forty-eight States are represented at the institution. In the Mexican War it had fourteen officers in the United States service. In the Civil War there were officers in both the Union and Confederate armies. Its value as a military institution has been attested by President McKinley and General Wood, chief of staff, and others. It seems fair to assert, from the testimony, that this institution carries no appropriation for rebuilding the barracks. It is conceded, for the purpose of this bill, that it was entirely proper to destroy the barracks, but the destruction of other college buildings is not thought to have been justified either under the rules of civilized warfare or under the specific instructions for the government of the armies of the United States in the Civil War."

JOINT CONVOCATION AT FREDERICKSBURG

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Orange, Culpeper and Fredericksburg.

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members. They will make exhibits at the Orange County Fair.
Two rural free delivery mail carriers have been appointed for Orange County. Dr. Eugene Woolfolk for Route No. 1, out from Lahore, and Lewis B. Willis for Route No. 1, out from Orange.

Rev. R. C. Gilmore, pastor of the Presbyterian Church of this city, has accepted an invitation to deliver the baccalaureate sermon at the commencement exercises at the high school at Orange on Sunday, June 7.

Loney—Nuttall.
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Fredericksburg, Va., May 19.—Jesse J. Loney and Miss Georgia Anna Nuttall, both of Gloucester County, were married on Saturday by Rev. E. L. Hurdcastle at the Baptist parsonage at Saluda.

BURKE DENIES CHARGE

Expects No Trouble in Vindicating
Himself Before Court.

New Orleans, May 19.—John Burke, formerly connected with the commissary department of the Panama Canal, and recently indicted by a Federal grand jury in New York, charged with accepting gratuities in connection with his work, arrived in New Orleans to-day en route to New York. In a general denial of the charges, Mr. Burke said: "I have been exonerated by two boards on the isthmus, and do not expect any trouble in vindicating myself before any court. There is absolutely nothing in the charges against me."

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